

Good afternoon!

My name is Ben Hovland, commissioner of the EAC and the designated federal officer for the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC). The TGDC is a 15-member advisory committee established by the Help America Vote Act to assist the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) in developing the voluntary voting system guidelines.

Pursuant to HAVA, the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) serves as the chair the TGDC and requires NIST to provide the TGDC with technical support necessary to carry out its duties. The Director of NIST Dr. Copan is unable to join us today, however he has designated Mary Brady to serve in his capacity today.

This meeting which is called pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act has been noticed in the Federal register and published on the EAC website for today's meeting. This meeting is open to the public.

The discussion today will focus on the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines requirements that are currently being drafted by NIST and more specifically on the Usability and Accessibility Requirements.

We thank you for your attendance and participation today and look forward to a rigorous discussion. I would like to offer Mary Brady from NIST an opportunity to share opening remarks before we get into the business of the meeting, and before I pass the meeting over to Jerome for remarks.

After remarks from the NIST representatives and Jerome, we will conduct a roll call of TGDC members and open the meeting for business.

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